

Claims 4, 5, 15 and 16 are allowable over Miki in view of the secondary reference.

Withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 1 and 3-21 is therefore respectfully requested.

As a final matter, a verified translation of the priority document JP 2003-070808 is submitted with this response. This submission is not relied upon to overcome any rejections at this time.

Early and favorable action with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that the telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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